

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A status information sharing system for managing status information of users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes a presence or absence of the users at the user terminal devices;

a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;

a generation unit that generates updated change information of status information in accordance with both the recognition of a presence or absence of the users and the searched schedule information; and

an update unit that automatically updates present status information of the users based on the basis of the generated updated status change information.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for the last and present schedule information.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for next schedules.

4. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for past schedules.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a count unit that counts the duration of a predetermined status if the presence or absence of the user is said predetermined status,  
wherein said generation unit generates the updated change information of  
the status information based on the basis of the duration counted by said count unit.

7. (Currently Amended) A user terminal device that is capable of communicating with a server device managing schedules of registered users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

a connection unit that connects to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;  
an input unit that inputs information from the connected manipulation unit or imaging device;  
a generation unit that generates information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information;  
a transmission unit that transmits the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and  
a receiving unit that receives present status information of the user which is updated changed in accordance with both the transmitted information and the schedule information managed by the server device.

8. (Currently Amended) A server device that is capable of communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes a presence or absence of users at the user terminal devices;

a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;

a generation unit that generates updated change information of status information in accordance with both the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information; and

an update unit that automatically updates the present status information of the users based on the basis of the generated updated status change information.

9. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a user terminal device that is capable of communicating with a server device for managing schedules of users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

a connection step of connecting to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;

an input step of inputting information from the connected manipulation unit or the imaging device;

a generation step of generating information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information;

a transmission step of transmitting the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and

a receiving step of receiving present status information of the user which is updated changed in accordance with both the transmitted information and schedule information managed by the server device.

10. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a server device that is capable of communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

a recognition step of recognizing a presence or absence of users at the user terminal devices;

a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;

a generation step of generating updated change information of status information in accordance with both the presence or absence of the users and the searched schedule information; and

an update step of automatically updating present status information of the users based on the basis of the generated updated status change information.

11. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling a user terminal device that is capable of communicating with a server device managing schedules of users who operate user terminal devices, the program comprising:

a connection step of connecting to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;

an input step of inputting information from the connected manipulation unit or imaging device;

a generation step of generating information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information;

a transmission step of transmitting the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and

a receiving step of receiving ~~present~~ status information of the user which is ~~updated~~ ~~changed~~ in accordance with both the transmitted information and the schedule information managed by the server device.

12. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling a server device that is capable of communicating with user terminal devices, the program comprising:

a recognition step of recognizing a presence or absence of the users at the user terminal devices;

a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;

a generation step of generating ~~updated~~ ~~change~~ information of status information in accordance with both the presence or absence of the users and the searched schedule information; and

an update step of automatically updating ~~present~~ status information of the users based on the basis of the generated ~~updated~~ ~~status~~ change information.

13. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transmission unit that transmits the updated ~~present~~ status information of the users to the user terminal devices.

14. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim1, wherein said recognition unit recognizes the presence or absence of the users based on a status of input from an input device connected to the user terminal devices or an image taken by an image device connected to the user terminal.